

BOOK NOTICES

LANGER, R. H. M. and G. D. HILL. 1991. **Agricultural Plants**. Second Edition (ISBN 0-521-40545-9, hbk; 0-521-40563-7m pbk). Cambridge University Press, 110 Midland Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573. (914)937-9600. No price given. 387 pp.

This book provides extensive information about more than 100 field crops and pasture plants and their economic importance of temperate and subtropical regions on a family by family basis. The opening chapter discusses the world population and crop production. Chapter 2 describes the plant structure (Plant Anatomy and Morphology). The plant families discussed are arranged in alphabetical order. The last chapter describes the physiological principles of crop growth and yield. There are 112 line drawings, an index of specific names and a subject index. This is an excellent book for students and teachers of agricultural botany.—*Krishna Puttaparthi*.

LAWLESS, JULIA. 1992. **The Encyclopedia of Essential Oils**. (ISBN 1-85230-311-5, pbk). Element Inc., 42 Broadway, Rockport, MA 01966. \$14.95. 226 pp.

This encyclopedia can be used as a self-help manual on how to use aromatherapy oil at home for the treatment of common complaints. Part I of this book is divided into six chapters. Chapter 1: Historical roots; chapter 2: Aromatherapy and Medical herbalism; chapter 3: The body - Actions and Applications; chapter 4: How to use the essential oils at home; chapter 5: Creative blending: This chapter describes the habitat of aromatic plants, their chemistry and the methods of extraction; chapter 6: A guide to aromatic materials. Part II is a list of 160 essential oils arranged alphabetically. There is a glossary, references, useful addresses, botanical classification, therapeutic index and a botanical index.—*Krishna Puttaparthi*.

OGDEN, SCOTT. 1992. **Gardening Success with Difficult Soils**. (ISBN: 0-87833-741-5, pbk). Taylor Publishing Company, 1550 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235. \$17.95. 216 pp.

This book describes gardening on limestone, alkaline clay and caliche soils. It also describes lime loving and heat tolerant varieties of trees, shrubs, roses, annuals and perennials. Included are 81 beautiful color photographs, epilogue, source of supply, bibliography and an index.—*Krishna Puttaparthi*.